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In re Application of

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37 C.F.R. § 1.313

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee due to unpatentability of one or more claims. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(b)(3).

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

The issue fee is refundable upon request. If, however, the application is again found allowable, the issue fee can be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due upon written request. This request and any balance due must be received on or before the due date noted in the new Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due in order to prevent abandonment of the application.

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The examiner will notify applicant of the new status of this application in an Office action to be issued promptly.

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